GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1465
ANSWERED ON:30.11.2006
INDUCTION OF JETS TO ALLIANCE AIR S FLEET
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Indian Airlines proposed to include more jets to its feeder subsidiary Alliance Air as reported in The Times of India dated October 5, 2006;

(b) If so, the facts and details thereof ;

(c)Whether the Government has considered Alliance Air`s objects of low cost, low frills airlines while considering more fleet ;

(d) If so, the details thereof; and

(e) The estimated expenditure likely to be incurred thereon ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Board of Directors of Indian Airlines has accorded `in principle` approval for lease of six 70-seater jet aircraft by Alliance Air and approach its Board for specific approval. A tender for the same was put up on Indian Airlines` Web Site on 13.11.2006 with the last date of receipt of tender by 26.12.2006.

(c) and (d): The airlines are free to lease aircraft as per their operational requirement and commercial judgement.

(e) : The proposal is presently at a preliminary stage and the estimated expenditure would only be known after tender finalisation.